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SUBJECT: 0900 LEBANON REPORT

1. THE WEEKEND WAS RATHER QUIET IN BEIRUT. A NICE GALE AND PRACTICALLY CONTINUOUS THUNDERSTORMS MAY HAVE DAMPENED MILITARY ARDOR. NEVERTHELESS, FIRING OF ALL SORTS DEFINETLY GREATLY REDUCED, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A RESULT OF SOME HARSH WORDS TO THE LEFT BY PLO, SUPPORTED STRONGLY BY THE SYRIANS. PHALANGE AND THEIR FRIENDS ALSO APPEARED IN MORE REASONABLE MOOD, AND THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, I.E., THE ISSUANCE BY THE "PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE OF THE INITIATIVE" OF CONCILIATORY RECOMMENDATIONS HAS EVERYONE IN A RELATIVELY MORE OPTIMISTIC MOOD. ZAHLE AND TRIPOLI CONTINUE TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET.

2. BANKS INDICATE THEY WILL NOT RPT NOT OPEN FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. WHILE WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED JUMBLATT HAS TAKEN DECIDED SWING RIGHTWARDS, HE NEVERTHELESS THIS MORNING INDICATES "NOTHING WILL BE DECIDED BEFORE SUMMER." RAYMOND EDDE, "OUR FRIEND," REPORTED ON FRONT PAGE
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"L'ORIENT-LE JOUR" SAYING "IF U.S. DOES NOT RPT NOT

CHANGE ITS POLICY, PARTITION WILL INSUE." ARTICLE
STATES U.S. "INDIFFERENCE" IS PERMITTING EXECUTION OF
ISRAELI-SYRIAN INTENTIONS TO SPLIT UP LEBANON.

3. IRAQIS BUSY TRYING TO ESTABLISH ANTI-SYRIAN BASE
IN LEBANON. WHILE TAREK AZIZ, MINISTER OF INFORMATION,
SEES THE PATRIARCH AND ALL THE NICE PEOPLE, ALI GHANNAN,
DESCRIBED AS HEAD IRAQI BAATH PARTY DELEGATION, SEES
THE BAD GUYS.

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